GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF AL-QUIARA IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intelligence agencies have gathered information after the arrests of Osama-bin-Laden the international terrorist organization named Al-quiara has spread its centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to stop/check the activities of such terrorist organization?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There are no confirmed reports to substantiate the activities of`Al Qaida` in India. However, arrest of certain persons in connection with a conspiracy to bomb US Embassy in New Delhi revealed the possible links of an associate of Osama Bin Laden with certain persons alleged to be involved in the conspiracy.

(b): Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants/terrorists, which includes strengthening border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of militants/terrorists by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication systems etc. Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of various militant/terrorist outfits. Assistance by way of deployment of Central Para-Military Forces is also provided as and when required. Steps have also been taken to secure international cooperation for curbing the activities of militant/terrorist organizations. Financial assistance, including reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure is provided by the Central Government to the affected States for curbing activities of terrorists/militants.